

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE IRISH CENTRE ON 13th NOVEMBER 1984

PRESENT: T. Dunne, Canon A. Woods, Fr. J. Fullam, Fr. C. Malone, O.M.I.,
Mrs. E. Kehoe, Miss M. Kenny, P. Judge, T. Mangan, S. McGarry,
G. O'Flynn.

APOLOGIES: Fr. J. Gordon, M. Moroney.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and adopted on a proposal by T. Mangan, seconded by M. Kenny, subject to the addition of the name Fr. J. Gordon as being in attendance at that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

A letter has been sent to Miss K. Fitzsimons in reply to her letter regarding facilities for youth.

The latest stock report was satisfactory.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LOANS: All necessary work with regard to the arrangement for repayment of loan to the Bank of Ireland been carried out. The approval of the Charity Commissioners is awaited.

Satisfactory meetings have been held with the breweries who are discussing the matter among themselves. It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements can be made with them.

Thanks was expressed to Tony Beatty for the great part he has played in all the negotiations.

FUND RAISING: A successful fund raising meeting was held on 4th November. Fr. Malone outlined commitments regarding repayments and welfare costs. Sources of revenue were outlined and confidence was expressed that all commitments could be met. It was pointed out that the more funds that were raised this year, the easier would repayments be in future years.

It was decided to hold a Christmas Draw with valuable prizes on 21st December 1984. First prize a television set will be donated by Tony Beatty.

Tony Beatty is also arranging to purchase a video of an Irish International Soccer Match to be shown in the McNamara Hall. Arrangements to be made.

MEETING BETWEEN C.I.C.A. EXECUTIVE AND IRISH CENTRE EXECUTIVE

A meeting was held on 1st November. The main topic discussed was youth and what facilities were available for them at the Centre. It was pointed out that proper facilities were not available at present. Application has been made for an Urban Aid Grant for refurbishing the ground floor of 50 Camden

Square for use of youth and elderly.

Other problems associated with youth activities were discussed and it was agreed to hold a meeting between all concerned on 12th November. This meeting took place as arranged and was well attended. Lively discussions took place, and as a result the air has been cleared, and the youth now realise that the Centre is interested in them. It was pointed out to them that they must get together and organise their own functions. They must apply to the Management for whatever facilities they require and they must have proper supervision.

MANAGEMENT

A memo has been issued to the Manager outlining points which need and must have special attention in order to improve efficiency and improve the image of the Centre as an entertainment venue.

MANAGER

The present arrangement regarding the Manager's position expires on 31st December 1984. Preliminary discussions have taken place and Mrs. D'Arcy has expressed her willingness to continue. Further discussions will take place and if agreement is reached a written contract of employment will be drawn up.

ADMINISTRATOR

Discussions have taken place with P. Keegan who has accepted our offer and will take up duty in mid February. General satisfaction was expressed that this long-standing vacancy is to be filled, coupled with delight that the new administrator would be P. Keegan who had done so much work for the Centre on a voluntary basis over a period of 25 years. His duties will include Hostels and Welfare Centre as well as the Irish Centre. Canon Woods proposed a vote of thanks to Fr. Malone for arranging this appointment.

S. McGarry offered the use of the G.A.A. Centenary Exhibition over the Christmas period. He felt it would be an attraction during functions.

GRANTS

1. G.L.C. (a) Computers - grant has been approved.
(b) Outreach Worker - grant has been approved.
(c) Worker for Elderly - grant has been approved.

For (b) and (c) vacancies must be advertised.

2. CAMDEN AND D.O.E. - URBAN AID FOR REFURBISHMENT This application
has been made and is being vigorously pursued.

An Architect will be required if this application is successful, as experience has shown that Keith Roberts and Associates are

not satisfactory. Liam Martin will be consulted.

3. CAMDEN 1985 Application has been made for £45,000

4. DION Application has been made for £20,000 and it is hoped that a decision will be made shortly.

WELFARE

An experienced worker has been appointed to join the Welfare team to replace Sr. Joan Moriarty.

The number of new arrivals for October showed a big increase - more than the combined totals of October 1982 and 1983.

In a response to a request from the Welfare Committee to appoint a member to that committee, S. McGarry agreed to attend as an observer.

FESTIVAL WORKING COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. Kehoe, P. Judge and T. Mangan were appointed. The appointment of the fourth member was left in abeyance.

A replacement for D. Kelly will be nominated by the Bank of Ireland. T. Mangan proposed and M. Kenny seconded that Joe Davis be co-opted. This was agreed. The Club Committee will be asked to nominate a member for the remaining vacancy.

HOSTELS

All hostels are full. The number of Irish girls in St. Louise's has gone up to 50%.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T. Mangan said that he had inspected the leaking tank and was confident that the problem lay with one of the unions. He is arranging to get a plumber to examine it and do the necessary repair work.

T. Mangan proposed a vote of sympathy with Martin Moroney on the death of his brother. Fr. Malone has already offered mass for the repose of his soul.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by wishing Fr. Malone 'God Speed' on his trip to Brazil.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20th December 1984 at 8.00 p.m. N.B. CHANGE OF DATE

J. P. Mangan
20.12.84